



# FALL INTO A GOOD BOOK

With Nancy Pearl, October 21, 2011

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NANCY PEARL'S RECOMMENDATIONS		
TITLE	AUTHOR	COMMENT
On Canaan's Side	Sebastian Barry	Read every word, not plot driven
In Zanesville	Jo Ann Beard	1 <sup>st</sup> work of fiction
The Rotter's Club	Jonathan Coe	Teen age experience, England, 1970's
The Hare with Amber Eyes	Edmund de Waal	Memoir by renown ceramicist, history through objects
Erasure	Percival Everett	Satire
A World on Fire	Amanda Foreman	Civil War
The Memory of Love	Amanita Forma	Sierra Leone civil war
The Art of Fielding	Chad Harbach	1 <sup>st</sup> novel, Midwest College
Blind Sight	Meg Howrey	Family relationships, character driven
The Arrogant Years: One Girl's Search for Her Lost Youth, from Cairo to Brooklyn	Lucette Lagnado	Egypt, pre-Nassar
House Divided	Mike Lawson	Thriller, local author
The Apothecary	Maile Maloy	Early teen - set in Cold War
To Be Sung Underwater	Tom McNeal	Character driven novel
The Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine, and the Murder of a President	Candice Millard	About President Garfield
Skippy Dies	Paul Murray	Teenage experience, Dublin
The Tragedy of Arthur	Arthur Phillips	More about Shakespeare
A Pet for Petunia	Paul Schmid	Pre-school book
There But For The	Ali Smith	From 4 points of view
Stone Arabia	Dana Spiotta	Story of brother and sister in LA
By George	Wesley Stace	The ventriloquist and his dummy by songwriter John Welsey Harding
Vaclav & Lena	Haley Tanner	1 <sup>st</sup> novel, NY immigrants

AUDIENCE RECOMMENDATIONS		
TITLE	AUTHOR	COMMENTS
Death in the Family	James Agee	One of 2 books I was told to read as a UK immigrant to understand the US
Mandy	Julie Andrews	
The Sound of a Wild Snail Eating	Elizabeth Bailey	
Peter Pan	J.M. Barrie	The vocabulary and images are so rich
White Cat	Holly Black	Part of a trilogy, fun teen series
Restless	William Boyd	
The Tortilla Curtain	T C Boyle	
Caleb's Crossing	Gwendolyn Brooks	Historical novel about friendship between Indian boy and Pilgrim girl – very well written
Travel Lit	Bill Bryson	So funny!
Oh Pioneers	Willa Cather	Creates an organic connection to the good earth and good soul
The Lion Game	Cecil B DeMil	
New Guinea Tape Worms and Jewish Grandmothers	Robert S Desowitz	Short stories on tropical epidemiology as a detective story (beyond "House" the TV series)

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The Whistling Season	Ivan Doig	Superintendent of Rural Public Schools in Montana tells story of his family and life as a 7 <sup>th</sup> grader in a one-room school-delightful
The Big Burn	Timothy Egan	
Like Water for Chocolate	Laura Esquivel	
All on a Mountain Day	Aileen Fisher	NF-amazing & engaging story of animal life during one day in the Colorado mountains.
On the Corner of Bitter & Sweet	Jamie Ford	
The Outlander Series	Diana Garabalda	Woman travels back in time to Scotland Highlands and meets the love of her life - trials, tribulations, happiness
Marley & Me	John Grogan	
Water for Elephants	Sara Gruen	
Empire of the Summer Moon	S.C.Gwynne	Rise and fall of the Comanches, the most powerful Indian Tribe in American History
Blood, Bones & Butter: Adventures of a Reluctant Chef	Gabrielle Hamilton	
The World According to Garp	John Irving	
The Secret Life of Bees	Sue Monk Kid	
The Lacuna	Barbara Kingsolver	It took 2 chapters to decide I liked this book, then I couldn't put it down
Sunlight at Midnight	Bruce Lincoln	History of St Petersburg Russia by prominent Russian expert, reads like fiction. Just returned from Russia, an extraordinary city
Gift From the Sea & Diaries	Ann Morrow Lindbergh	
Remembering Babylon	David Malouf	
White Lioness	Henning Mankell	
1493: Uncovering the New World Columbus Created	Charles C. Mann	
The Boss Dog of Blossom Street	Alan McDonald	
The Blue Sword	Robin McKinley	A romantic adventure I fell in love with
Dark Water	Laura McNeal	Teen book – language perfectly captures those slow summer days with a perfect undercurrent up & down
A Fine Balance	Rohinton Mistry	
Ice Bound	Dr Terri Nielson	
The Imperfectionists	Tom Rachman	
Book of Hours	Rainer Maria Rilke	Love poems to God
Tolstoy & the Purple Chair	Nina Sankovitch	
Snowflower and the Secret Fan	Lisa See	
Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society	Mary Ann & Ann Barrows Shaffer	
Drums, Girls & Dangerous Pie	Jordan Sonnibleck	Sad & hilarious at the same time
Big Rock Candy Mountain	Wallace Stegner	
The Art of Racing in the Rain	Garth Stein	A dog tells his life story – you'll laugh, you'll cry!
The Help	Kathryn Stockett	
Vanity Fair	William Makepeace Thackeray	
Samauri's Garden	Tsukiyama, Gail	
Candide	Voltaire	
The Glass Castle	Jeanette Walls	
Shakespeare on the Landing	?	